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CHAPTER 31:
INTERVAL (INTERMISSION)

TRANSLATION: CMERTB - TYPESETTING: [CROSS]
CLEANING: [CROSS]

NEW POLICY:
PLEASE DO NOT REHOST
THIS MANGA ANYWHERE.
SITES ALLOWED: BATOTO

I'M PUTTING OUT AN ORDER FOR ASSIS-TANCE!
IF YOU FEEL YOU'RE QUALIFIED AND YOU WANT TO HELP OUT
CXC SCANS IS CURRENTLY LOOKING TO FILL STAFF POSITIONS IN ORDER TO INCREASE THEIR OUTPUT OF MANGA
THEN APPLY TODAY!

CXC SCANS IS LOOKING FOR STAFF!

THERE ARE CURRENTLY POSITIONS OPEN
FOR THE FOLLOWING JOBS:

J>E TRANSLATING
TYPESETTING

IF YOU'RE CONFIDENT IN THE POSITION
AND DEDICATED TO WORK, THEN WE'LL
GLADLY WELCOME YOU ABOARD!
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聖剣の刀鍛冶（ブラックスミス）

THE EARTH RUMBLED
JUST LIKE THAT, WITH NO WARNING

Chapter 31 Interval [Intermission]

WHOA !?

KYA AAA AA AAA!!

EEK

UWAH !?

IT'S QUAK-ING!!

EEK!

WHA-WHAT !?

THE CITIZENS HAD NEVER EXPERIENCED AN EARTH-QUAKE EVEN ONCE UNTIL NOW

THUS, THEY HASTILY EMBRACED A CERTAIN THEORY

TRULY, IN THE MORE THAN 40 YEARS SINCE THE CITY'S FOUNDING

DISORDER AND CONFUSION REIGNED IN THE INDEPENDENT TRADE CITIES SOON AFTER

---THIS EARTHQUAKE MEANS THE END OF THE CONTINENT

OR AT LEAST A PORTENT THEREOF...?

---THIRD DISTRICT CITY HALL---

C... COM-MANDER, WHAT'S THIS!?

HMM...

HAA
HAA
!!
ARE YOU GOING AT THIS TIME!?
LUKE! IT'S TOO RASH!

THAT'S PRECISELY WHY
THE CON-FERENCE IS SOON TOO...
BUT...
THE TIME IS DRAWING NEAR
THIS EARTHQUAKE IS SURELY "ITS" QUICKENING

I CAN'T RUN ANY-MORE

WHAT EXACTLY IS THE SACRED SWORD THAT SEALS VALBA-NILL?

I'LL ENTER THE BLAIR VOLCANO TO SEE WITH MY OWN EYES

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THE SACRED BLACKSMITH

CHAPTER 32: SACRIFICE

TRANSLATING: GMERTB
CLEANING: [CROSS], VEGAOBSCURA
TYPESETTING: PEPPERMINT_GRINDER

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第32話 Sacrifice
聖剣の鞘

WHAT IS IT, MOTHER?

"WE HAVE SOMETHING IMPORTANT TO TALK ABOUT", EARLY IN THE MORNING...

HOW MUCH DAMAGE DID THE CITY SUFFER DUE TO YESTERDAY'S TREMOR?

AS FAR AS REPORTS GO, NO ONE WAS ESPECIALLY INJURED

ALTHOUGH ALL CITIZENS WERE EQUALLY DISTURBED...

I SEE...

ON A DIFFERENT SUBJECT

?

I HEARD ABOUT IT

THAT YOU'RE SEEING A GENTLEMAN, CECILY...

I CAN'T BE THANKFUL ENOUGH TO LUKE-SAN

HUH?

GUH!

YOU PEOPLE ARE MAKING ME LOSE MY PATIENCE

FIO! DID YOU TELL SOMETHING WEIRD TO MOTHER!?

DON'T TELL ME, YOU'VE BEEN DUMPED AL-READY!?

.....!?

IT'S NOT LIKE THAT

W... W- WE'RE NOT SEEING EACH OTHER

M- MOTHER. IT'S A MISUNDER-STANDING

...MO-THER?

.....

YOU'VE TURNED OUT SO SPLENDIDLY BEFORE I EVEN NOTICED

YOU, WHO NOW STAND ON YOUR OWN TWO FEET AS A DAUGHTER AND AS A KNIGHT

WOULD'VE MADE YOUR FATHER CHESTER PROUD

AND THE FACT THAT THE DAY OF VALBANILL'S REVIVAL IS DRAWING NEAR!

THERE IS SOMETHING THAT YOU MUST LEARN

GIVEN LUKE-SAN'S EXIS-TENCE

IT'S ABOUT "THE SHEATH OF THE SACRED SWORD"

THE DUTY THAT THE HOUSE OF CAMBELL MUST FULFILL WHEN THE TIME COMES

トン

WITHOUT SAYING ANYTHING TO CECILY-SAN?

ARE YOU REALLY GOING TO THE VOLCANO?

UNTIL I COMPLETE THE SACRED SWORD

I THINK IT MIGHT BE BETTER FOR US NOT TO SEE EACH OTHER

ABOUT THIS BODY AS WELL... I CAN'T KEEP IT HIDDEN FOREVER

---MY EYE KEEPS LOSING SIGHT

LUKE!

WHAT IS CECILY-SAN TO YOU!?

TO ME, CECILY-SAN IS A COOL PERSON

AT A CRITICAL MOMENT, SHE'S SOMEONE WHO MAKES YOU EXPECT THAT SHE'LL MANAGE TO DO SOMETHING

TO ME...

SHE ALWAYS THINKS THAT IT'S IMPORTANT TO PROTECT SOMEONE

SHE CONSTANTLY LOOKS ONLY AHEAD

ALSO, SHE CAN TAKE A BEATING

SHE'S FRANK, PURE

---WAIT

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

I THINK IT WOULD BE GREAT IF I BECAME A WOMAN LIKE HER

I REALLY ADMIRE HER

TELL ME

WHO ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

IT CAN'T BE LIKE THAT

ARE YOU KID-DING...!?

ARE YOU SAYING ALL THAT SE-RIOUSLY?

WHO'S COOL?

SHE IS

CECILY MANAGES TO PUSH HERSELF TOO FAR

SHE NEVER THINKS ABOUT HER OWN ABILITY, GETS INTO TROUBLE, BUT STILL KEEPS PUSHING UNREASONABLY

SHE HAS SOME POOR SKILL, SO IN THE END IT SOMEHOW WORKS OUT

THEN SHE GETS CONCEITED AND THE SAME THING REPEATS

THE ONLY THING IS THAT THE MOST IN THIS WORLD SHE HATES WHEN PEOPLE OTHER THAN HER ARE HURT

SHE CAN'T MOVE IN ANY DIRECTION BUT FOR-WARD

SHE'S NOT SMART

SHE CAN'T READ THE MOOD AT ALL

SHE'S JUST---

I HEARD THAT THIS IS A SMITHY. I WOULD LIKE TO PLACE AN ORDER.

I'M CECILY CAMBELL

SHE'S

JUST...

JUST A WOMAN

I FEEL RELIEVED

YOU REALLY UNDERSTAND IT, DON'T YOU?

LOOK AT WHAT YOU'VE DONE

---THE FEEL-INGS WON'T STOP

LUKE!

ガラ

DON'T UNDER-ESTIMATE ME...

I'VE REALIZED IT LONG AGO

I KNOW...

I LOVE HER TOO MUCH, DAMMIT

LUKE

THAT'S WHAT I SHOULD ASK

WHERE WERE YOU HEADED?

WHAT'S GOING ON?

SO, WHAT'S YOUR BUSI-NESS--!?

WE HAVE TO HURRY UP WITH THE SACRED SWORD COMPLETION AL-READY

I SEE

WE'LL NOW BE HAVING INFORMATION EXCHANGE REGARDING THE SACRED SWORD

A CONTINEN-TAL ARCHEO-LOGIST NAMED EUEN ARRIVED FROM THE MILITANT NATION

LUKE, DO YOU KNOW

!?

DID ANYTHING HAPPEN?

ABOUT THE "SHEATH OF THE SACRED SWORD"?

WHY THAT ALL OF A SUDDEN...?

THAT MEANS "THE SACRED SWORD'S SPARE"

IT'S LIKE A CODE WORD

...SO YOU KNEW ABOUT IT

MOTHER TOLD ME THIS MORNING

IT'S AL-RIGHT, STOP

YOU DON'T HAVE TO FORCE YOURSELF TO TELL IT

THE "SHEATH OF THE SACRED SWORD" IS---

.....

I WANT YOU TO LISTEN TO ME

PLEASE HEAR ME OUT

I DON'T WANT TO RUN AWAY

ACTUALLY, THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I HEARD THAT THE KNIGHT GUARDS HAVE MOUNTED AN EXPEDITION TO THE VOLCANO IN ORDER TO REINFORCE THE SEAL

IT'S NOT LIKE THIS CITY HASN'T DONE ANYTHING ABOUT VALBANILL UNTIL NOW

FROM WHAT MOTHER TOLD ME

IT ALSO HAS TO DO WITH THE DEATH OF MY FATHER, WHO WAS A KNIGHT AS WELL

IT WAS A FEW YEARS AGO... THE SEAL REINFORCEMENT EXPEDITION---

AND, MY FATHER

CHESTER CAMBELL

COMMANDER HANNIBAL WHO HAD JUST STARTED, AS THE KNIGHT GUARDS COMMANDER AT THAT TIME, AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM VARIOUS COUNTRIES OF THE CONTINENT

THE PARTICIPANTS WERE THE FIRST HOUSMAN IN THE LEAD

THE SWORD THAT THE KNIGHT GUARDS HAD IN THEIR POSSESSION WAS---

NATURALLY, THEY DIDN'T HAVE AN 'ANTI-VALBANILL SACRED SWORD

IT WAS PROVEN THAT THAT DEMON SWORD HAD A CERTAIN DEGREE OF EFFICACY AGAINST VALBANILL

AND WHO TRANSFORMED INTO A DEMON SWORD THROUGH SUCCESSFULLY USING THE DEMON CONTRACT!!

CAMBELL, MY GRANDFA-THER WHO WAS THE FIRST HOUSMAN'S RIGHT HAND

FATHER TOO USED THE DEMON CONTRACT DURING THAT EXPEDI-TION

EVEN FATHER ...

HOWEVER---

EVEN THOUGH HIS LIFE WAS SPARED, MOST OF HIS ORGANS WERE EATEN BY SPIRITS

HIS DEMON SWORD TRANS-FORMATION FAILED

SO THEN, WHY IS IT ALWAYS THE MEMBERS OF THE CAMBELL FAMILY THAT TRANSFORM INTO DEMON SWORDS?

BESIDES, WASN'T HATRED TOWARD GOD A CONDITION FOR DEMON SWORD TRANSFORMATION, LIKE IN ARIA'S CASE?

PEACE HAS BEEN MAINTAINED FOR THESE PAST FORTY-FOUR YEARS, BUT SUCH STRUGGLE AND SUCH SACRIFICES CONTINUED BEHIND ALL OF THAT...

DID THIS TO "CAMBELL", HIS COMRADE IN ARMS FROM THE GREAT WAR---MY GRANDFATHER...?

THE ONE WHO FOUNDED THESE INDEPENDENT TRADE CITIES, "THE FIRST HOUSMAN",

HE CUT OPEN GRANDFATHER'S CHEST

AND APPLIED A CERTAIN TECHNIQUE TO THE "DEATH WORD" ON HIS HEART

SOMEONE HAD TO BEAR THE THE DUTY OF BEING THE REPLACEMENT FOR A SACRED SWORD ON HIS SHOULDERS!!!

THAT TECH-NIQUE WOULD FORCE HIM TO TURN INTO A DEMON SWORD!

IF HE USED THE DEMON CON-TRACT

I FOUND OUT ABOUT THIS ONLY RECENTLY AS WELL

SOON AFTER RETURNING FROM THE MILITANT NATION

AND I HAVE GE-NETICALLY INHERITED THAT

THE "SHEATH OF THE SACRED SWORD" IS INSIDE MY CHEST

"SHEATH OF THE SACRED SWORD"...

WHAT IS... THAT...

WHAT IS THAT CURSE

WHY DIDN'T YOU STOP IT, SHITTY OLD MAN

CECILY IS A SACRI-FICE...

WHY DID THIS ---!!

KRAK OOM

GUHAH!

WHY IS THE SACRED'S SWORD SPARE CALLED THE "SHEATH"?

WHY WAS THAT CHOSEN AS THE CODE WORD?

THAT'S PRECISELY WHY WE NEED THE SACRED SWORD

THE REASON IT IS "SHEATH" IS THE MERCY LEFT BEHIND BY THE DAMNED FIRST HOUSMAN

A SHEATH REQUIRES A SWORD THAT IT MUST CONTAIN

THERE'S MEANING BEHIND IT ---THINK

THINK ABOUT THE MEANING OF THAT!

AS A SWORD THAT DISPELS EVIL, THE SACRED SWORD CAN CUT THROUGH SPIRITS

THE FIRST HOUSMAN'S TECHNIQUE CAN BE BROKEN BY SHEATHING THE SACRED SWORD!!

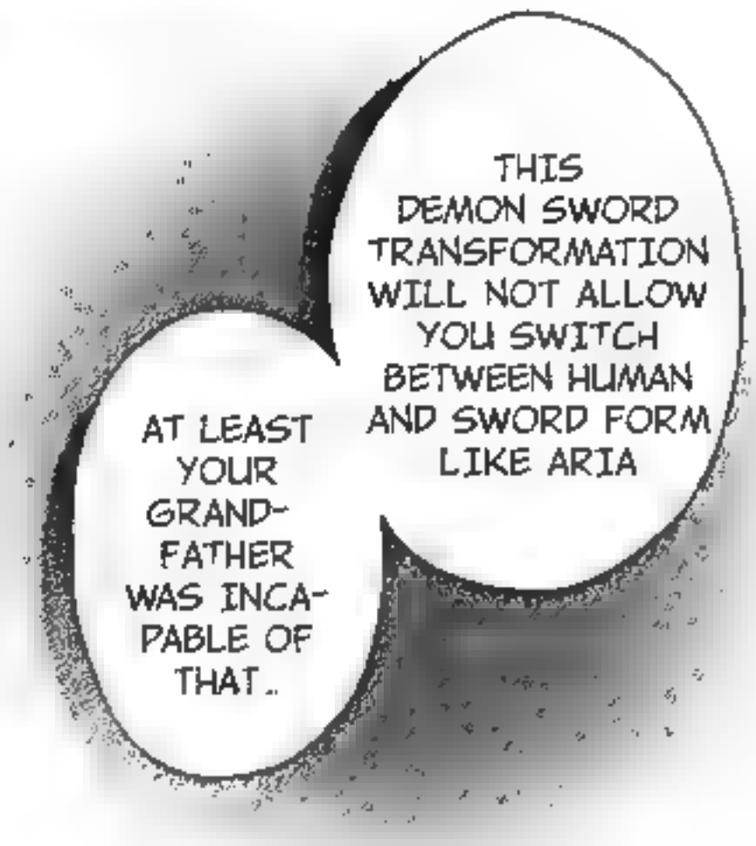
LUKE AINSWORTH! MAKE SURE YOU COMPLETE THE SACRED SWORD!!

AS BASIL'S SON, YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN DISPEL CECILY'S CURSE!!

LUKE

FOR THE DAY YOU FIND THE DETERMI-NATION TO SERIOUSLY ADVANCE DOWN THAT ROAD...

WE'VE BEEN WAITING ALL THIS TIME


THIS DEMON SWORD TRANSFORMATION WILL NOT ALLOW YOU SWITCH BETWEEN HUMAN AND SWORD FORM LIKE ARIA
AT LEAST YOUR GRAND-FATHER WAS INCA-PABLE OF THAT..

I FEEL A LITTLE BETTER

...THANK YOU FOR LISTENING TO ME

WHY ARE YOU SMILING?

YES, BUT

THERE'S NO WAY SOMEONE WOULD FEEL BETTER...

ARE YOU KIDDING!?

THAT'S

WHAT I BELIEVE... THAT'S WHY I'M ALRIGHT

BECAUSE YOU'RE GOING TO FORGE THE SACRED SWORD, I WON'T BECOME A SACRIFICE

IN A PERSON LIKE ME?

HOW CAN YOU SO EASILY PLACE YOUR FAITH IN ME?

---WHY ARE YOU

THAT'S WHY... WHEN YOU ASKED BACK-THEN

...BUT

YOU'RE SO SIMPLE IT'S UNBELIEV-ABLE, AND NOT SMART

"I CAN"

I ENDED UP RE-PLYING

LUKE AIN-SWORTH"

"CAN'T YOU DO IT?

BUT... YOU KNOW

I

UMM...

C- CAN YOU JUST SHAKE MY HAND ON IT

O- OF COURSE, THERE'S NO DOUBT THAT I BELIEVE IN YOU

I JUST... WANT TO BE SURE OF MYSELF...

BUT...

IN THE END, I'M UNEASY

GIVE ME SOME COURAGE, EVEN A LITTLE

TH-

THAT'S WHY

I WILL SAVE YOU

I CAN...

YES

I CAN FIGHT BECAUSE I HAVE YOU

---IT WON'T BE LONG BEFORE I DIE

PEOPLE WHO KNOW THEY WILL DIE CAN'T DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT

BUT I CAN SWEAR THIS

THAT'S WHY I CAN'T VOICE THE FEELINGS THAT ARE INSIDE MY HEART

IF IT'S FOR THE SAKE OF THAT, THEN I DON'T MIND DYING

I WILL USE UP WHAT LITTLE OF THE SOUL THAT REMAINS INSIDE ME FOR THE SAKE OF THIS WOMAN

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Chapter 33 No gift Like Lead

SO THIS IS THE "CLAW MARK"...

THE LEGEND HAS IT THAT IT WAS CREATED BY VALBANILL STAMPING ITS FEET AND SPLITTING THE EARTH OPEN.

IT'S AN OUTRAGEOUS TALE

BUT WE SHOULD GO DOWN AND VERIFY.

THE BIGGEST EVIDENCE IS THAT ITS CROSS-SECTION IS SO SMOOTH AND THAT THERE'S A HIGH CONCENTRATION OF SPIRITS HERE

THAT'S RIGHT

GET READY... "UNIN-SCRIPTED"

BRING DOWN THE DEMON LORD

RIDE THE WIND TO THAT LAND

--SLAY GOD

ARISE FROM SLEEP

!

WAIT!

THERE'S SOME-ONE ON THE OTHER SIDE.

LET'S SEARCH FOR THE DEMON SWORD CALLED "THE SHEATH OF THE SACRED SWORD"

AND NOW

THAT'S...

Chapter 133 No gift Like Lead

REWIND THE CLOCK, BY ABOUT HALF A DAY...

SAY, LUKE

ARE YOU HIDING SOMETHING?

!

...HOW MUCH DID YOU FIGURE OUT?

NO, DID LISA TELL YOU?

TELL ME.

WHAT ARE YOU KEEPING SECRET FROM ME?

I DON'T KNOW ANY-THING.

I WAS AFRAID OF KNOW-ING.

BUT NOW I WANT TO KNOW!

I DON'T MIND IF IT'S THE NEXT TIME WE MEET

BUT, TELL ME SOMEDAY.

I LEAVE THE MATTER OF THE SACRED SWORD IN YOUR HANDS!

LUKE

...IN THE END, I HAVEN'T MANAGED TO FULFILL A SINGLE THING

IS THAT YOU? THE ARCHAEOLOGIST WHO CAME FROM THE MILITANT NATION?

TOWN HALL —UNDERGROUND ARCHIVE—

PLEASED TO MEET YOU!

AHHH! YOU'RE THE SACRED SWORD PERSON!

I'M LUKE AINS-WORTH

THIS MAN'S NAME IS EUEN BEN-JAMIN.

IT'S BEEN DECIDED THAT HE WILL RESIDE IN THE CITY FOR THE LONG TERM AS THE MILITANT NATION'S WINDOW TO THE INDEPENDENT TRADE CITIES.

WHILE ORIGINALLY WORKING IN THE MILITANT NATION AS AN ADVISOR AND TUTOR TO ZENOBIA, HE ALSO ENGAGED IN RESEARCH OF THE CONTINENT'S HISTORY.

SO MANY OF THEM!

AS EXPECTED FROM THE LAND WHERE THE PRAYER CONTRACT WAS BORN!

PLEASE LOOK AT THESE, THEY'RE MANU-SCRIPTS OF THE FIRST HOUSMAN'S RESEARCH

YEAH

THE EXTENT OF THE DOCUMENT COLLECTION HERE IS MAGNIFI-CENT

THE MAYOR!

NO, NO! I'M STILL A NOVICE SCHOLAR.

THE MAYOR, TOO, PRAISED YOUR POWER OF INSIGHT IN REGARD TO THIS VAST AMOUNT OF MATERIAL

SINCE I HAVE PERMISSION, I'LL BE COOPED UP HERE FOR DAYS ON END.

IF THAT'S THE CASE, YOU CAN'T AVOID RESEARCHING THE MAN THAT IS "THE FIRST HOUSMAN"

"VALBANILL'S MODE OF LIFE"

IT'S ALSO IN ORDER TO EXPLORE THE "SACRED SWORD" THAT IS EFFECTIVE AGAINST THAT BEAST.

THAT IS WHAT I WANT TO LEARN ABOUT.

IT HAD BEEN SEALED IN THIS UNDERGROUND ARCHIVE UNTIL RECENTLY

AND THE VERY PERSON WHO PLACED THE "SHEATH OF THE SACRED SWORD" CURSE ON THE CAMBELL FAMILY... ON CECILY...

THE FIRST HOUSMAN...

THE ONE WHO LAID THE FOUNDATION FOR THIS CITY THAT LIVES OFF VALBANIA AND THE SPIRITS IT SPEWS OUT.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

THE FIRST HOUSMAN'S DEVIANT RESEARCH HAS COME TO LIGHT!

AND SO

BUT IN THESE PRESSING CIRCUMSTANCES IT'S FINALLY BEEN RELEASED.

WHAT KIND?

INHUMAN RESEARCH?

THE MULTITUDE OF INHUMAN EXPERIMENTS THAT CAN'T BE SHOWN TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC...

IT'S WHAT HE CARRIED OUT, EVEN WHILE BEING VENERATED AS A HERO.

THEY'RE RECORDED IN THE DOCUMENTS HERE.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH, ARIA-SAN

HUH?

ERR, I HAD THE BOOK JUST A MOMENT AGO...

THAT'S-

AH, YES

IS THIS IT?

WHAT ARE YOU AVOIDING? WHY AREN'T YOU BY CECILY'S SIDE?

DID YOU HAVE A FIGHT OR SOME-THING?

DO THEY KNOW EACH OTHER?

IT'S JUST...

WE DIDN'T.

WHAT, I CAN'T BE HERE?

I HAD SOME FREE TIME, SO I ENDED UP HELPING EUEN

!

YOU'RE HERE TOO?

I... CAN'T TRANSFORM INTO A SWORD ANYMORE...

WHAT DID YOU SAY?

...

AND WHEN I RECOVERED, WE THOUGHT WE'D DO SOME SWORD PRACTICE AFTER A LONG BREAK, BUT...

I DIDN'T FEEL WELL, SO I SLEPT FOR A FEW DAYS

BECAUSE THAT HAND-TO-HAND COMBAT WAS SO VIOLENT--

I THINK I'VE BEEN LIKE THIS SINCE WE RETURNED FROM THE MILITANT NATION.

ALRIGHT!
SWORD TRAINING RESTARTS TODAY!
THEN I'M COUNTING ON YOU, ARIA
I'M FINE!
ARE YOU WELL ENOUGH ALREADY?
HERE I GO-
YES
--SLAY GOD
CON-TROL THE WIND
SEIZE THE TRUTH
ARISE FROM SLEEP

HUH?

ARIA?

...

ERR

I CAN'T... TRANS- FORM

AFTERWARD, I CHANTED THE INCANTATION TIME AFTER TIME, BUT IT WAS OF NO USE.

I THINK IT'S A TEMPORARY CONDITION CAUSED BY SOME ACCUMULATED FATIGUE, BUT...

SPIRITS ARE THE SOURCE OF SUSTENANCE FOR DEMONS, AREN'T THEY

LISA IS THE SAME

YES

I'M TROUBLED. OF WHAT USE IS A DEMON SWORD...

THAT CAN'T TURN INTO A SWORD?

COULD THIS BE DUE TO A SHORTAGE OF SPIRITS?

...

I SHOULD GO CHECK THE "CLAW MARK" AT THE BASE OF THE BLAIR VOLCANO

THE SPIRITS ARE ESPECIALLY ABUNDANT THERE, EVEN COMPARED TO THE CITY.

I CAN GET MY BODY SOUNDLY IN ORDER

ONCE YOU GET WELL, PLEASE LEND CECILY YOUR STRENGTH

OF COURSE!

THANK YOU

OVER THERE, HUH? SURE

I WONDER IF I SHOULD HEAD THERE BEFORE TOO LONG

AHHH

YES

ABOUT... THE INHUMAN RESEARCH.

SO?

I'M SORRY FOR INTERRUPTING YOUR STORY. PLEASE CONTINUE

WHAT DID THE FIRST HOUSMAN DO?

ERR...

IN OTHER WORDS, HE ARTIFICIALLY PRODUCED DEMONS

...THAT'S WHAT IT'S ABOUT.

FOR THE SAKE OF HIS RESEARCH, HE PROACTIVELY CARRIED OUT DEMON CONTRACTS

NATURALLY, MANY OF THEM DIED IN THE MIDDLE OF THESE EXPERIMENTS.

HE FORCED PEOPLE TO TAKE THE DEMON CONTRACT AND USED THEM IN HIS EXPERIMENTS

MOST LIKELY WITH HUMAN MATERIAL ACQUIRED FROM COUNTRIES THAT ALLOW SLAVERY

ISN'T THAT THE SAME THING THAT THE IMPERIAL ALLIED POWER IS DOING?

HOW... TERRI-BLE

THE MORE I FIND OUT, THE MORE I SEE THE INSANITY OF THAT RESEARCH...

HOW-EVER...

IN-SANITY?

THROUGH HIS RESEARCH, THE DEMON CONTRACT WAS CONVERTED INTO THE PRAYER CONTRACT, AND THE CONTINENT RUINED BY THE GREAT WAR WAS REVITALIZED

BUT, IN THE END, THE FACT THAT THE CONTINENT OWES HIM A DEBT OF GRATITUDE IS UNCHANGED

THE FIRST HOUS-MAN HAS--...

WELL... UMM...

HOW TO PUT IT

EVEN IF I LOOK LIKE THIS, I'VE BEEN AROUND FOR A LONG TIME

YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE SO PERTURBED

IT'S FINE, YOU CAN SAY IT

YES, WHEN YOU WERE ALL IN THE MILITANT POWER, I WAS ABLE TO TALK TO HER.

SO YOU AND ARIA KNEW EACH OTHER?

THAT'S NOT TRUE.

IN THE END... I WAS INSENSI-TIVE

IN EUEN'S PAST, HIS FATHER WAS SLAIN WITH A DEMON SWORD.

HAHA

AS A SCHOLAR, I HAVE CURIOUS-ITY

AT FIRST, I SHOWERED HER WITH QUESTIONS ABOUT THE CITY AND THE PRAYER CONTRACT. I MIGHT'VE BEEN A NUISANCE...

HIS MEETING WITH ARIA CHANGED HIS VIEWPOINT ENTIRELY

CONSEQUENTLY, HE APPROACHED ARIA WITHOUT KNOWING ANYTHING, BUT WHEN HE FOUND OUT HER IDEN-TITY, HE WAS SHOCKED.

THE HATRED TOWARDS THE DEMON SWORD THAT STOLE HIS FATHER FROM HIM

LED HIM DOWN THE PATH TO BECOMING A CONTINENTAL ARCHAEOLOGIST SPECIALIZING IN DEMON CONTRACT RESEARCH.

AFTER COMING IN CONTACT WITH ARIA, WHO WAS FIGHTING WITHOUT RUNNING AWAY FROM HER FATE AS A DEMON SWORD

EUEN BECAME FASCINATED BY THE CHARACTER OF A *HUMAN* NAMED ARIA.

HIS PREJUDICE AGAINST DEMON SWORDS DISSIPATED

YES

I WON'T BE ABLE TO RESOLVE ANYTHING JUST BY BEING COOPED UP IN THE ARCHIVES AND FISHING FOR CLUES IN DOCUMENTS.

SO.

IN THE END, YOU'RE GOING?

LUKE-SAN, SINCE YOU'VE REACHED A DEAD END IN FORGING THE SACRED SWORD, YOU TOO WILL GO, RIGHT?

IT'S WORTH WAGERING MY LIFE ON!

THERE'S SIGNIFICANT MEANING TO IT

EVEN IF IT MEANS BRAVING DANGER, I WANT TO ASCERTAIN THE ACTUAL STATE OF VALBANILL AND ITS SEAL.

AS A RESEARCHER OF THE FIRST HOUSMAN'S METHOD, I COULD ALSO BE OF USE

DON'T DIE IN VAIN

COME ALONG WITH ME

IT'S AS YOU SAY.

POSSIBLY, WE'RE AT A POINT WHERE WE HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO RISK OUR LIVES

BETWEEN HUMANS AND DEMONS.

IT SEEMS THAT THE FIRST HOUSMAN HAD ALSO EXPERIMENTED WITH CROSSBREEDING...

WHAT KIND OF EXPERIMENTS WERE THOSE?

IT WAS A PART OF THE EXPERIMENT

...THE MEANING IS EXACTLY THAT

CERTAINLY, HIS ACHIEVEMENTS WERE GREAT, BUT I CAN'T CLOSE MY EYES TO THIS

THE WORST KINDS OF EXPERIMENTS, THAT TOYED WITH LIFE ITSELF.

A... AND THE RESULT?

...

HE HAD A DEMON ENGAGE IN SEXUAL INTER-COURSE WITH A HUMAN FEMALE.

AND GAVE BIRTH TO A CHILD.

THE WOMAN CONCEIVED

CHILDREN BORN THAT WAY WOULD HAVE NO REPRODUCTIVE FUNCTIONS, AND THEREFORE WOULD BE LIMITED TO A SINGLE GENERATION...

HOWEVER, THERE STILL WAS A DEFECT IN CROSS-SPECIES BREEDING

I'M GLAD I WAS ABLE TO FIND OUT

A HUMAN GAVE BIRTH TO A DEMON'S CHILD

I'M HAPPY THAT I, WHO HAVE BEEN HURTING OTHERS ALL THIS TIME

AM ALSO CAPABLE OF GIVING BIRTH TO SOMETHING.

JUST LIKE A HUMAN

MAYBE I CAN BECOME A MOTHER

...?

WHA...

"POWER OF THE WIND"...

CAME FLYING OVER THE CLIFF...!?

THE SAME POWER... AS MINE...

WE'RE TAKING HER AND HEADING BACK

HILDA!

HOW SUR-PRISING

SUCH BIG GAME HAPPENED TO DROP IN

...

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Chapter 34 Last wind

Like Wind 1

I CAN'T RUN AWAY ANYMORE

I RAN AWAY!

I ALONE LIVED

I RAN AWAY

I...
ALONE

I'M GOING IN

ALRIGHT

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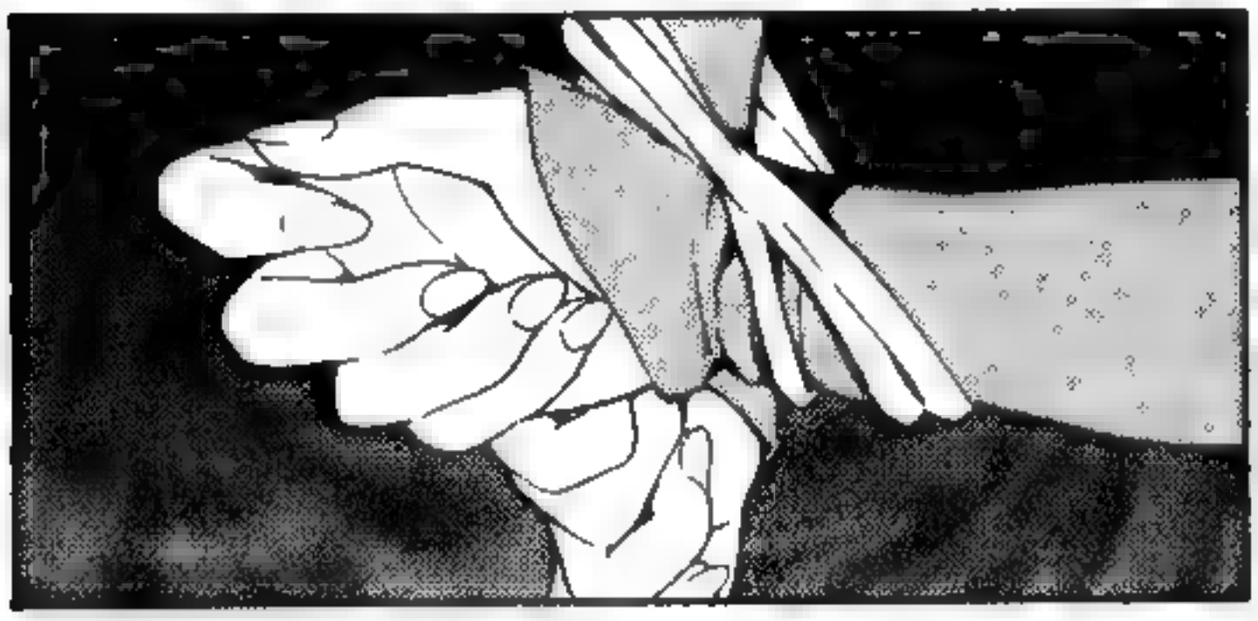
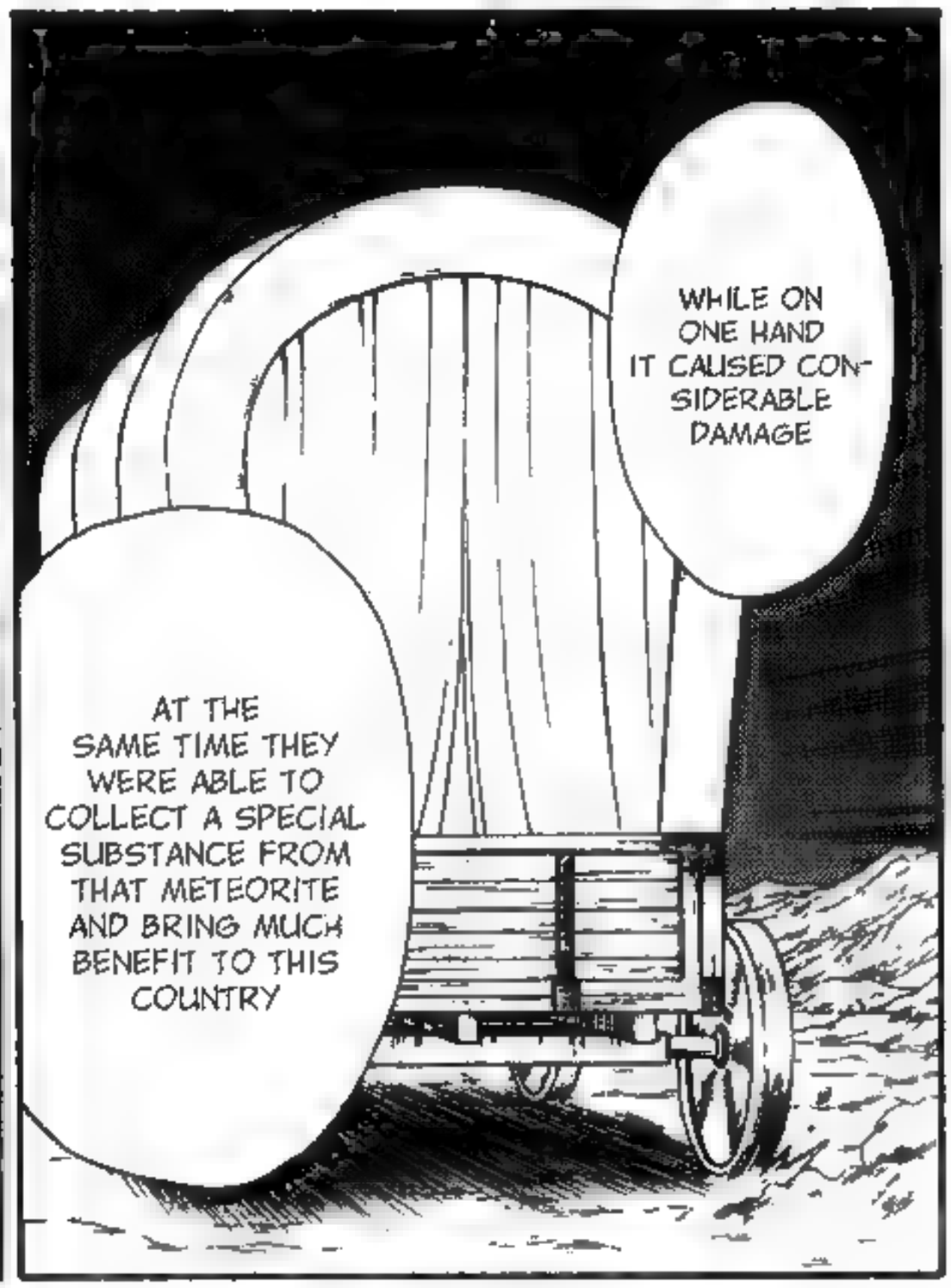
THE STARS ARE SHINING BRIGHTLY TONIGHT

THAT IN ANCIENT TIMES, DURING THE NIGHT OF A METEOR SHOWER, A SINGLE METEORITE FELL ON EARTH

THE LEGEND HAS IT




WHILE ON ONE HAND IT CAUSED CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE
AT THE SAME TIME THEY WERE ABLE TO COLLECT A SPECIAL SUBSTANCE FROM THAT METEORITE AND BRING MUCH BENEFIT TO THIS COUNTRY

AND THUS STAR WORSHIP TOOK HOLD HERE...

CONSEQUENTLY, THE PEOPLE OF THIS LAND SAW THE PHENOMENON OF "STARS FALLING" AS A DIVINE MYSTERY

BUT THE BLESSING OF "METEORITE IRON" IS A STORY LONG PAST

THE PRESENT CONDITION IS THAT IT'S NOW CALLED A "SLAVE COUNTRY" AND IS NOTHING BUT A LAPDOG OF THE IMPERIAL ALLIED POWER

AFFIRMATIVE

YOU'RE THAT DEMON SWORD, AREN'T YOU?

WHAT'S YOUR NAME?

FOR THE SAKE OF CONVENIENCE, PEOPLE CALL ME "UNINSCRIPTED"

I DON'T HAVE AN IN-SCRIPTION

.....

NO NAME...?

AFFIRMATIVE

THAT BLACK ATTIRE... ARE YOU AN ASSASSIN OF THE FORMER CROWD POWER BY ANY CHANCE?

WHAT ARE YOU PLANNING TO DO WITH ME?

BESIDES ...

IT'S OF NO USE

I WON'T LEND MY POWER TO ANYONE BUT MY PARTNER

YOU WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE IMPERIAL ALLIED POWER'S WAR COMPANY

HOW UNFOR-TUNATE

IT'S VERY REGRETTABLE

PRESENTLY I CAN'T TURN INTO A SWORD

I UNDER-
STAND

I SEE

YOU CAN'T
TURN INTO
A SWORD

I CAN
CONJECTURE
THAT YOU'VE
UNDERGONE
EXTREMELY
SEVERE
COMBAT

DEMON
SWORD
"ARIA"

ARE YOU
SAYING?

WHAT

IN THAT
BODY OR
HEART OF
YOURS

SOMEWHERE,
YOU HAVE
EXPERIENCED
FRAILTY

AS A SWORD, YOU ARE FACING THE END OF YOUR LIFESPAN

I WONDER WHAT REWARD WE'LL GET FROM THE IMPERIAL ALLIED POWER

looking forward to it

KUKU-KU

HA-HA

YOU HAVE TO BE MORE FLEXIBLE TO PUT GOOD FOOD ON THE TABLE~~

STILL, WHY DO YOU OPPOSE THE EMPIRE WITH NO CHANCE OF SUCCESS?

WE WHO ROSE UP FROM BEING SLAVES DON'T GET IT AT ALL

RIGHT, EH?

GOOD FOR YOU, NOW YOU'LL BE ABLE TO CLEAR YOUR-SELF

OH YEAH, YOU'VE FAILED TO TAKE CARE OF THEM ONCE

COULD YOU LEAVE HER BE?

HER ACTIONS WERE MISGUIDED, BUT SHE ONLY FOUGHT FOR THE SAKE OF HER COUNTRY

IT SHOWS LACK OF THOUGHT

IT CERTAINLY IS STRANGE TO MECHANICALLY PASS DOWN A DEATH SENTENCE ON HER

IT'S TO "SAVE EVERYONE THESE EYES CAN SEE"

IT'S MY NATURE

WHY

WHY DID YOU SAVE ME!?

YOU WANT TO BREAK OUT OF THAT POSITION

ISN'T THAT WHAT YOU REALLY THINK?

DO YOU ACCEPT THE FACT THAT YOU'RE A SLAVE OF THE EMPIRE?

IF YOU CAN'T ACCEPT YOUR CURRENT SITUATION EVEN A LITTLE, TAKE MY HAND!

COME WITH US

.....

GUH!

SHE-DAZZLED SO BRIGHTLY I COULDN'T LOOK

I WAS JEALOUS...

I FELT AS IF I WAS BEING REPROACHED

WHY IS MY HEART SO PERTURBED?

THE TREMORS ARE REALLY GETTING STRONG...!!

ゴゴゴゴ

EEK!

ゴゴゴ

EEE-EEK!!

ANOTHER EARTH-QUAKE!!

UWHOA AAAA AAAA AA!?

!!

KUH...!

UWAA-
AAA-
AAH!!

EU-
EN!!

THAT WAS CLOSE

AT LEAST WE'RE ALIVE...

HAA

HAA

!!

.....

THE PATH WE CAME IS BLOCKED ---!?

NO...

WAY...?

BECAUSE OF THE EARTH-QUAKE, THE HIGHWAY HAS...

WHAT A THING...

GUH...

THIS IS BAD...

COLLAPSED...

IT LOOKS LIKE WE CAN'T AVOID A LONG DETOUR

OBVIOUSLY I'M TRYING TO UNDO THE ROPE

...WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

LIFESPAN...

YOU'RE STILL STRUGG-LING?

IT'S AL-READY THE END OF YOUR LIFESPAN

ARE YOU SAD?

BUT EVEN AFTER BEING TOLD THAT, I CAN ACCEPT IT...

TO THINK THAT I'D BE CORNERED LIKE THIS...

I MEAN

I STILL---

I'M MORE VEXED THAN SAD

I'M A DEMON SWORD WITH NO SOUL

A TOOL THAT LACKS OWN VOLITION

I CAN'T COMPREHEND SUCH EMOTIONS

IT'S ME...

BEFORE I MET CECILY, I WAS JUST LIKE THIS PERSON...

AFFIR-MATIVE

WE CAN'T ESCAPE OUR DESTINY

ARE WE MERELY DEMON SWORDS CREATED TO SLAY GOD...?

WILL YOU REMAIN DEFIANT AFTER ALL THIS?

YOU CAN DO WHAT YOU WANT

DON'T MESS AROUND

IT'S NOT A JOKE

I AM CECILY'S COMRADE IN ARMS

I CAN'T FALL IN A WAY THAT WOULD SULLY THE PROUD NAME OF MY FRIEND

AFFIR-MATIVE!

IF I'M TO BE REDUCED TO YOUR TOOL, THEN I'LL SMASH MY OWN BLADE

SO THAT'S HOW YOU ARE

...I SEE

...IF I WERE TO SAY IT AS A HUMAN

YES

I DON'T HATE DEMON SWORDS LIKE YOU

EH?

AS A SIGN OF RESPECT FOR SOMEONE LIKE YOU, THERE'S ONE THING I'LL TEACH YOU

YOU ARE...

THE DEMON SWORD I COULDN'T BECOME

EVEN AS YOU FACE THE END OF YOUR LIFESPAN, THE WAY TO TURN INTO A SWORD JUST ONE MORE TIME

WE CAN SEE THE TOWN NOW!

IT LOOKS LIKE WE'LL BE ABLE TO RENDEZVOUS SAFELY WITH THE IMPERIAL ALLIED POWER'S WAR COMPANY

MOUNTING A WHOLE EXPEDITION AGAINST THEM MIGHT BE A BIT OF AN OVERKILL

EVEN IF THESE ARE MUTINOUS ELEMENTS WHO WON'T PLAY NICE UNDER THE THUMB OF THE IMPERIAL ALLIED POWER

Oh~ hh~~

IT'S ON FIRE

I LIKE IT

NEXT I WANT TO TEST IT OUT ON SOMEONE BETTER THAN THESE MUTINOUS ELEMENTS

HOW DO YOU LIKE USING THE DEMON SWORD?

IMPERIAL ALLIED POWER WAR COMPANY

HORATIO DISRAELI

I'VE COL-LECTED THE HEAD OF THIS LITTLE COUN-TRY'S KING AS WELL

WAA AAH

EEE EK!

AND NOW, LET'S BURN EVERYTHING DOWN

IMPERIAL ALLIED POWER
WAR COMPANY
GASTON BASKERVILLE

UNTIL IT ALL TURNS INTO CHARCOAL

UNTIL IT ALL TURNS INTO ASHES

IMPERIAL ALLIED POWER
WAR COMPANY
ELISA EVA

IMPERIAL ALLIED POWER
WAR COMPANY
NOAH CARTRIGHT

IMPERIAL ALLIED POWER
WAR COMPANY
VERONICA

WE'RE ALL HERE

STILL SEARCHING FOR DEMON SWORDS?

THEY'VE BEEN UNDER ORDERS TO SECURE INTELLIGENCE ON THE INDEPENDENT TRADE CITIES

NOW WE RENDEZVOUS WITH THE SPIES OF THE FORMER CROWD POWER

WELL, IT'LL BE NICE TO GIVE SUCH A PRESENT TO SIEGFRIED-SAMA

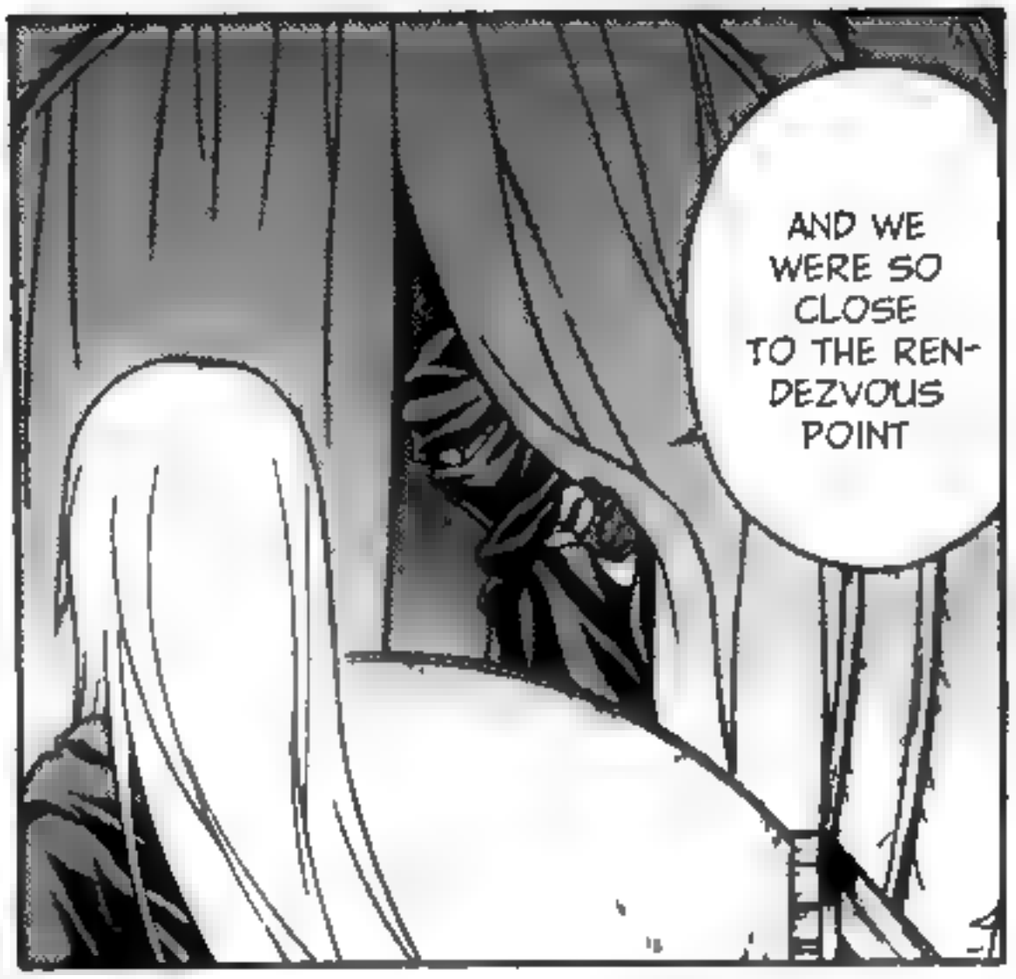
IS IT SOMETHING SO VALUABLE YOU'D SEARCH FOR IT ON PURPOSE?

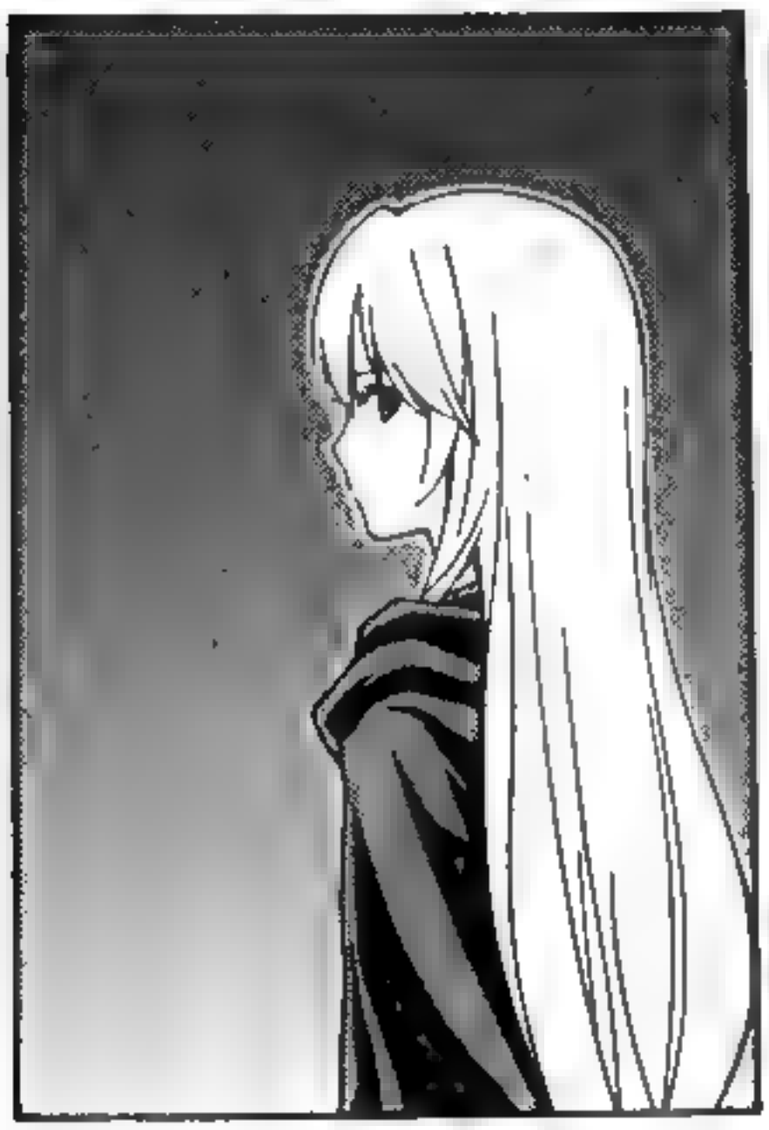
LET'S GO

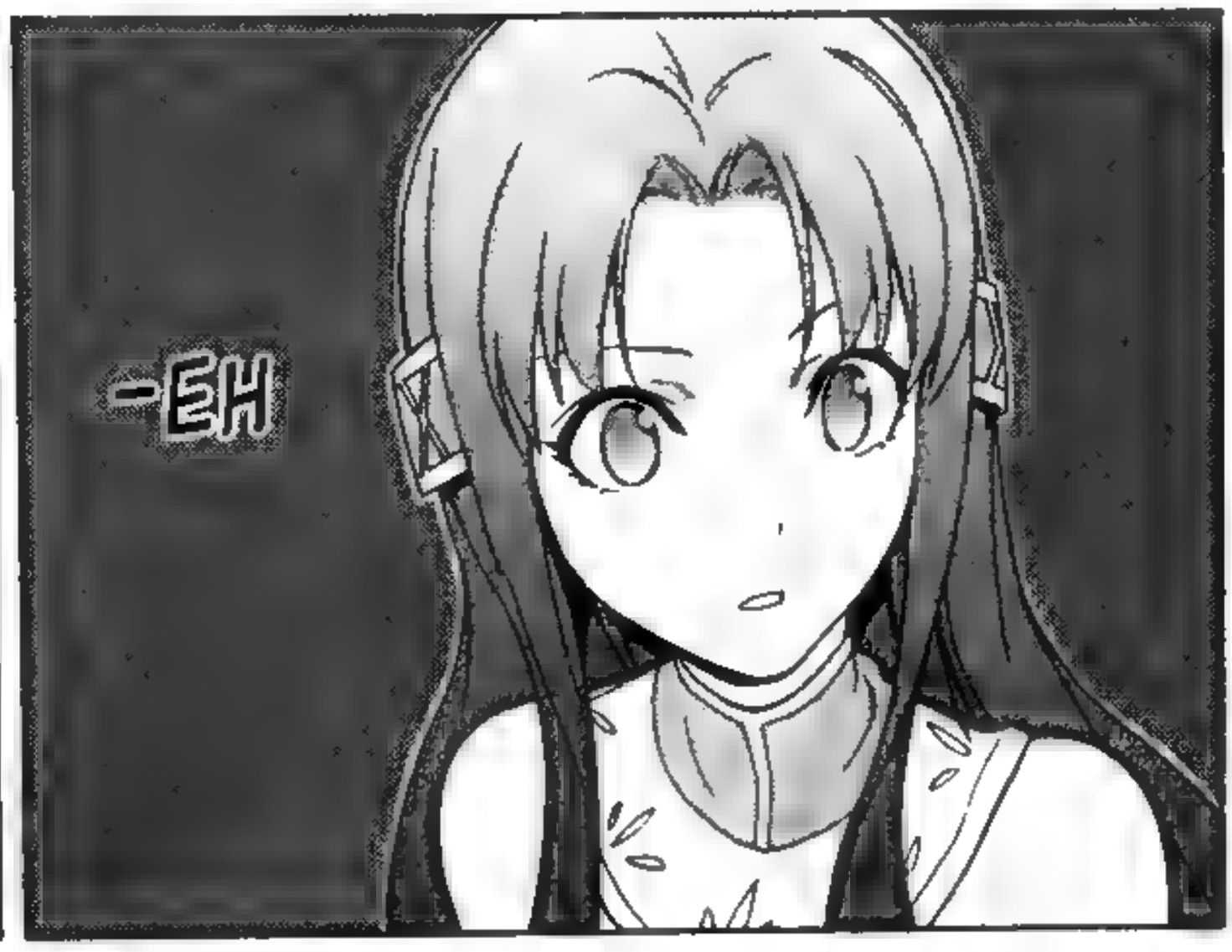
IT'S THE APPOINTED TIME

IT'S YOUR SHOW, UN-INSCRIPTED

IT SEEMS THE PURSUIT HAS CAUGHT UP WITH US


AND WE WERE SO CLOSE TO THE REN-DEZVOUS POINT




-EH

-CAUGHT UP WITH US...?

BRING DOWN THE DEMON LORD

ARISE FROM SLEEP

WE'LL FINISH HER OFF NOW

GO, UNINSCRIPTED

RIDE THE WIND TO THAT LAND

-SLAY GOD

!!

CECILY!!

HAAA-
AAAA!!

ARIA!!!...

MAYBE IT'S MY IMAGINATION, BUT FOR AN INSTANT MY POWER SEEMED TO WANE...

I WAS BESTED...

NO---

AGUH

GAH!!

THE SHEATH THAT LUKE MADE TO SEAL SPIRITS WEAKENED THE WIND...!

IT'S MY SHEATH!

I'VE COME TO TAKE ARIA BACK!!

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I'LL BE SURE TO SAVE YOU

I'M COMING, ARIA!

BUT WHY HERE?

SHE REALLY IS LIKE A HERO...

SHE ACTUALLY CAME FOR ME

JUST A TINY WHIM...

.....

GO SECURE A CART IN THE CITY

NO...

MAYBE I WAS SIMPLY PAYING MY DEBT TO HER

I'LL BE WAITING BY THE SOUTH GATE

"TO THE RED-HAIRED KNIGHT
YOU PARTNER HAS BEEN
ABDUCTED BY THE FORMER
CROWD POWER"

.....

THEN THAT WOMAN RUSHED FORWARD ALL ALONE IN THE VANGUARD... THAT MUST BE IT

THERE MUST'VE BEEN MULTIPLE RESCUE PARTIES ORGANIZED TO RETRIEVE DEMON SWORD ARIA THAT IS SO VITAL TO THE CITIES DEFENSE

SHIT!

GUH!

MM-
GUH!

OHH-
HHH-
HH!!

COMPARED TO ARIA'S WIND, THIS IS NOTHING!

Y... YOU CAN'T APPROACH IN THIS WIND

YOU'LL BE CUT TO PIECES!

GW-OH...

I WON...!

GOT AWAY...?

THE OTHER BLACK CAPE

Ahhooo

CECILY...

I'M SORRY FOR CAUSING YOU TROUBLE

BUT THANK YOU FOR COMING TO RESCUE ME...

I'M GLAD, I'M TRULY GLAD

I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT I'D DO IF I COULDN'T SEE YOU ANYMORE...

UH...

UH...

ARIA...?

WHERE SHOULD I START TELLING YOU FROM...?

WHAT DO I SAY...?

ABOUT THE END OF MY LIFESPAN

HOW DO I TELL HER EVERYTHING...?

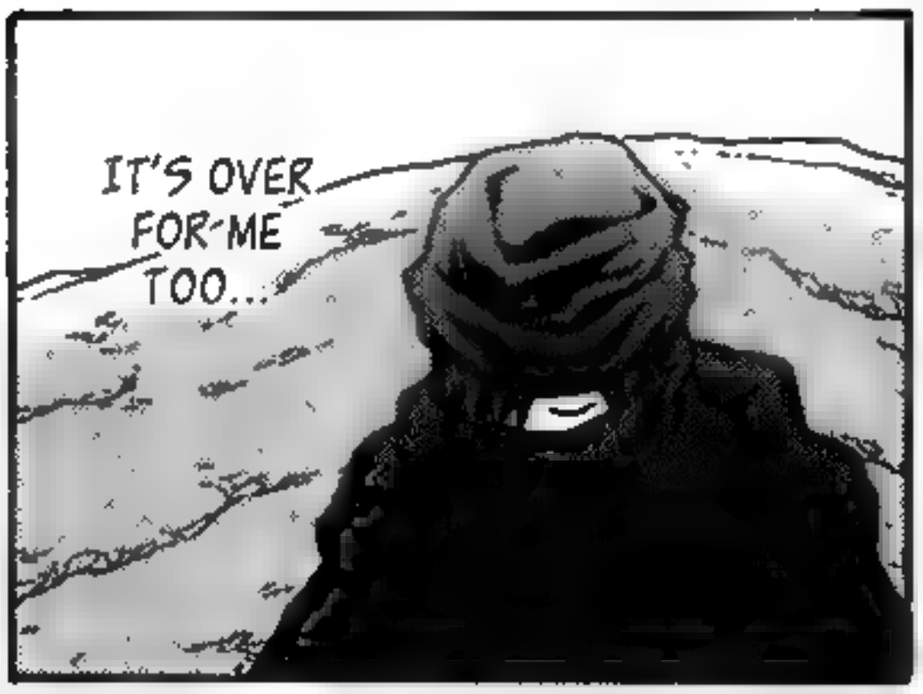
ARIA...

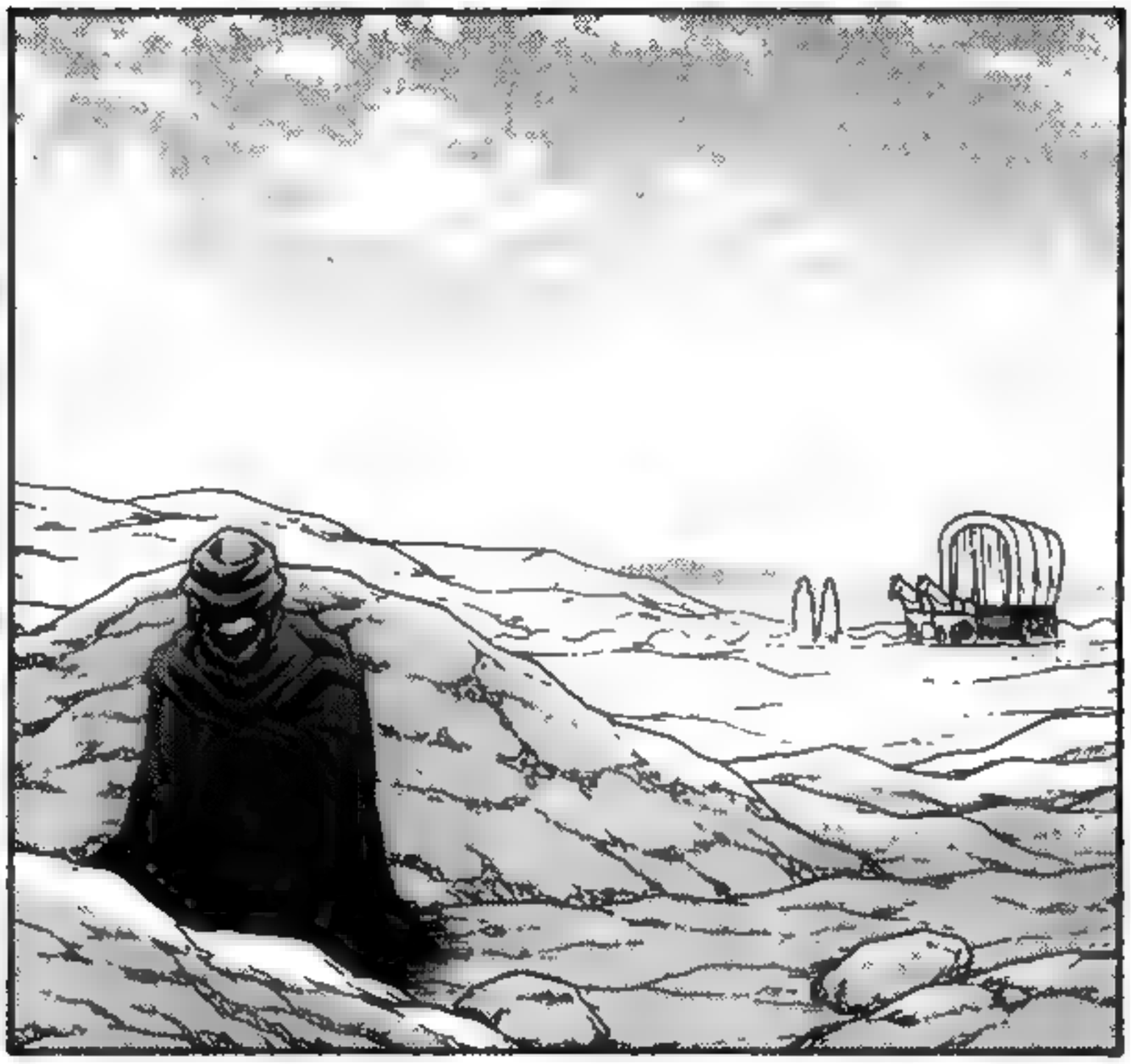
WHATEVER ANYONE MAY SAY, THE PLACE FOR DEMON SWORD "ARIA" TO RETURN TO IS INSIDE THIS CHEST

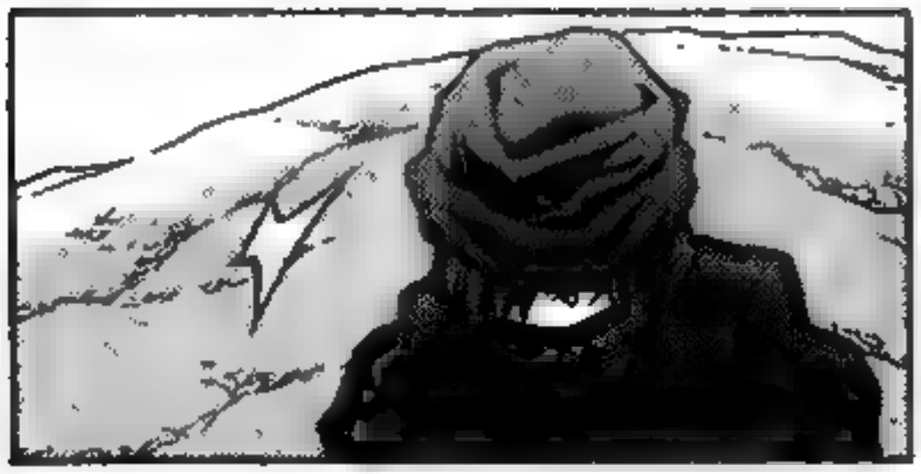
I WON'T LET YOU GO ANYMORE

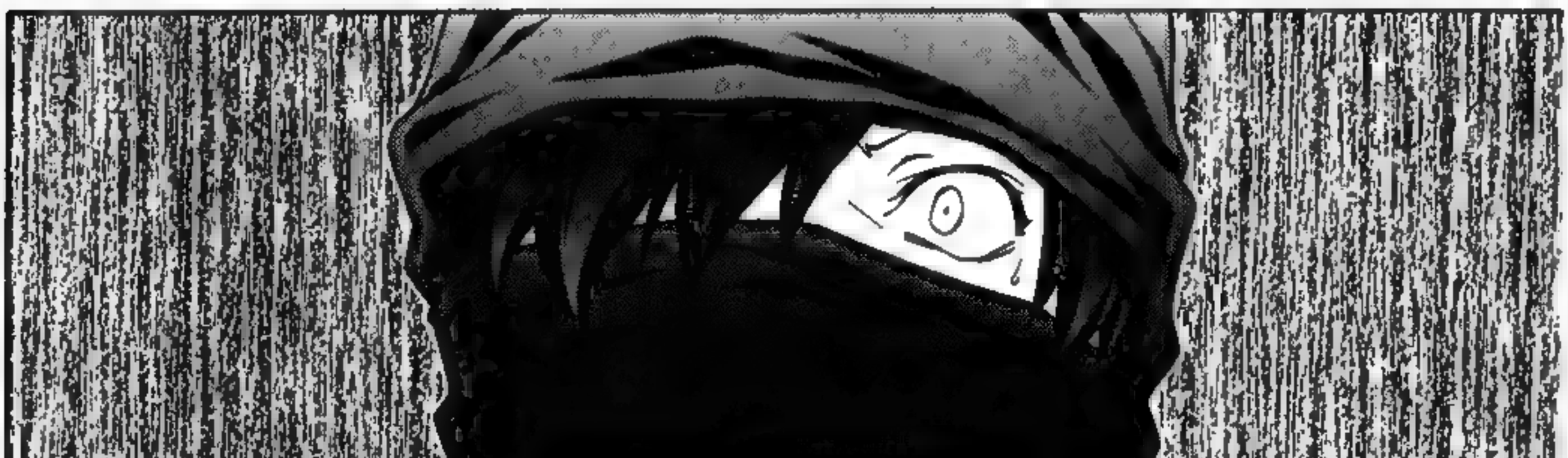
I DON'T KNOW WHAT HAPPENED, BUT-

IT'S OKAY NOW


IT'S OVER FOR ME TOO...







WHAT DID YOU SAY...!?

That person

THE IMPERIAL ALLIED POWER!?

!?

THE IMPERIAL ALLIED POWER'S WAR COMPANY IS COMING!!

YOU TWO! RUN AWAY AT ONCE!!

B... BUT IN THIS PLACE WITH NOWHERE TO HIDE...

COME THIS WAY! AT LEAST IN THE ROCKY AREA...

HURRY!!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE, GIRL FROM THE CAMBELL FAMILY?

FRANCISCA...

YOU WERE PULLING STRINGS FROM THE SHADOWS...!?

ENTOMB THE EARTH

ARISE FROM SLEEP

CROWN THAT HEAD

...I'LL WILL KILL YOU HERE

BUT WHAT-EVER

YOU HAVE DONE HARM TO SIEGFRIED-SAMA TIME AFTER TIME

...SLAY GOD

!?

WHA-!?

FRANCISCA IS A DEMON SWORD AS WELL!?

FLA

NUU
UUU
UN!!

……!!

WALLS

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YES

AT THE SAME TIME, A SUSPICIOUS INDIVIDUAL CLAD IN BLACK BOUGHT A HORSE CART IN THE CITY...

ARIA IS MISSING?

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IT'S TOO DANGEROUS FOR CECILY ALONE

SO, CECILY RUSHED OUT ALL BY HER-SELF

Dawn woman

THE SEARCH PARTY HAS ALREADY DEPARTED

THERE ARE EYEWIT-NESS REPORTS THAT THEY HEADED IN THE DIRECTION OF THE FORMER CROWD POWER...

!

HUGO!

LUKE HAS...

UH UMM...

!

LISA...

I'M JUST SO WORRIED, SO WORRIED...

HE TOLD ME NOT TO TELL ANYONE, BUT...

THERE ARE STILL EARTH-QUAKES...

WHAT!?

IT APPEARS LUKE-KUN AND EUEN-KUN ENTERED THE VOLCANO ON THEIR OWN WITHOUT ASKING ANYONE

AND SO...
WITH NO CHANGE IN THE SITUATION

TEN DAYS HAVE PASSED

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YEAH

...

...

IT'S HOT IN HERE

...

...

.....

AND OUR FOOD SUPPLIES HAVE FINALLY RUN OUT

.....

HAHA

IT'S LIKE WE PLANNED TO GET TRAPPED INSIDE THE VOLCANO FROM THE START

I'M GRATEFUL WE HAD DRIED MEAT AND WATER PREPARED FOR THIS

LET'S GO... WE CAN'T WASTE ANY TIME

SOME-HOW...

WE HAVE TO FIND AN EXIT...

UH...

MY EYE...oo

Haa

Haa..

LU...

LUKE... -SAN...

EUEN!

Hey

GET IT TOGETHER, EUEN. LET'S GO

...HEY

WHEN ARE YOU PLANNING TO MARRY CECILY-SAN?

IS YOUR HEAD ALRIGHT?

THERE ISN'T ANYTHING BETWEEN ME AND HER

LET'S GO

OF COURSE

PLEASE EXCUSE ME

THAT YOU'D ASSUME THIS ATTITUDE IMMEDIATELY, LUKE-SAN

ARIA-SAN DID SAY

.....

IS THAT YOU'RE ALWAYS EVASIVE ABOUT SOMETHING, LUKE-SAN...

IN REALITY...

THERE MUST BE SOME CIRCUMSTANCES BEHIND IT, SHE SAID

BUT WHAT'S ON ARIA-SAN'S MIND

YOU SEE, I...

I'M REALLY WORRIED IF ARIA-SAN WILL BE ABLE TO GET HER POWER BACK

...VERY SOON, I WILL DIE

"DEMON SWORD PURIFICATION"

IT HAS BEEN CONSUMING MY "SOUL"

AS PROOF OF THAT, I'VE BEEN LOSING SIGHT IN MY RIGHT EYE

MY LIFE WON'T BE THAT LONG EITHER

CONSUMPTION OF THE SOUL ERODES THE FLESH

"DEMON SWORD PURIFICATION" —

...HE-EEH

A LIFE THAT'S NOT THAT LONG, EXACTLY HOW LONG IS IT SUPPOSED TO BE?

LIKE ONE YEAR

OR ONE MONTH?

I'M A LITTLE DISAP-POINTED

SO THAT WAS THE REASON FOR YOU WITHDRAWAL, THAT'S ALL THERE WAS TO IT_

"THAT" IS---

...

WON'T IT BECOME AN IRREPLACEABLE TIME FOR CECILY-SAN?

!!

VALBANILL'S "EXTREMITY"!!

IT AP-PEARS AGAIN!

HOW MANY TIMES HAS IT BEEN?

DON'T CARE

LET'S RUN!

WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN TO CECILY AFTER I'M DEAD?

IF WE'RE CLOSE TO EACH OTHER FOR A LIMITED TIME

Haa

Haa

IT'S LIKE A CURSE

SOMEDAY, SURELY SHE'LL FIND HAPPINESS WITH ANOTHER MAN...

SORRY, IT'S NOT SOMETHING I CAN DO

A PAST WITH ME WILL PROBABLY FOREVER BE A BURDEN ON HER

IRRE-PLACEABLE TIME...

THAT'S...

AFTER ALL, YOU'VE BEEN CURSED BY LISA OAKWOOD-SAN, RIGHT?

CURSE... IS IT?

...HUUUUH, YOUR OPINION IS VERY IMPORTANT

HUH?

WHAT...

LISA HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH IT!

THERE'S NO WAY I WAS CURSED!!

YOU SHOULDN'T DECIDE THINGS BY YOURSELF, YOU SHOULD TALK THEM OVER WITH THE OTHER PERSON CONCERNED

SO THEN, THAT'S HOW IT IS

IN REALITY, YOU LOVE HER, DON'T YOU?

.....

BESIDES

LUKE-SAN, COULD YOU BEAR IT IN YOUR WITH-DRAWAL?

IF CECILY-SAN GETS TOGETHER WITH ANOTHER MAN?

OBVIOUSLY I'VE THOUGHT ABOUT IT!!

DAMN IT!

CUT IT OUT!

WHY CAN'T YOU BE MORE SELFISH!?

I CAN NEVER BIND MYSELF WITH CECILY

THIS LATE IN THE GAME

I HAVE NO INTENTION OF OVERTURNING MY RESOLVE!

THE PATH OF ATONEMENT I CHOSE FOR MYSELF

I WAS SURE I ACCEPTED IT

---BECAUSE I CAN'T ENSURE HER HAPPINESS UNTIL HER DEATH...

GO TO HEL-LLLL!!

BUT STILL

THERE'S NO GOING BACK, AND THERE'S NOTHING I CAN DO ABOUT THAT REALITY

DO I LIVE OUT THE TINY REMAINDER OF MY LIFE BEING SO POWERLESS...?

I WON'T JUST DIE FOR NOTHING!!

I WILL BE SURE TO SURVIVE!

HOW DARE YOU... SAY ANYTHING YOU WANT!

HAA HAA

I'LL PUNCH YOUR LIGHTS OUT AFTER-WARD

I'LL FIND AN EXIT SOON

HAA HAA

SHIT...

BECOME HONEST WITH YOUR-SELF, LUKE

EVEN IF YOU HIT ME, I'LL SAY IT TIME AFTER TIME

HAA HAA

WE'RE INSIDE A VOLCANO, AREN'T WE?

...SUP-POSED TO BE

...?

.....

IT'S REALLY COLD

BUT HERE

NORMALLY, IT'S HOT INSIDE A VOLCANO, ISN'T IT?

...SUP-POSED TO BE

FR...

FROZEN SPACE...

MELT THEM INTO WATER!

ICICLES ...!

LUKE-SAN!!

Water it's water!

IT'S WATER!!

WH...

WHAT'S WRONG?

LU...

OH?

THERE'S SOMETHING STANDING THERE...?

IT'S A BIT FAR, SO I CAN'T TELL

IS IT A SWORD BY ANY CHANCE?

THAT

THE SACRED SWORD!?

THIS IS...!!

DON'T TELL ME...

to be continued...

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聖剣の刀鍛冶（ブラツクスミス）

アトリエ 工房リーザ

atelier Lisa 出張所 拡大判

好評につき、今回は拡大版でお届けするぞ。
皆の情熱をぶつけろ！

↑鹿児島県　あきら

↑宮城県　アーリー

↑群馬県　鈴木聞多

←兵庫県　トントン

リサに抱きかかえられたルークの人形(?)が、
かわいくて傑作だな！　これなら私も欲しい。

←岐阜県　みじんこ

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↑青森県　タヌキ

手にしている笛を吹き、人外をエろみに操る
危険な存在です。人外の頭骨を被り護身用として
胸に短剣を付けています。笛の腕は一流ですが、
剣の腕はニ流です。
是非とも、そこから出現する人外と共に戦わせて下さい。

↑福井県　ブールマン

↑静岡県　みのむし

全員の笑顔が見られるように、日々精進して
いきたい。って、ルークも少しは笑えっ！

↑埼玉県　はちこ

皆さんの愛情溢れるおハガキありがとうございます！
掲載された人には、もれなく山田孝太郎先生の直筆下絵をプレゼントします。
引き続き募集しますので、どんどん送ってきてくださいね。

<あて先> 〒150-0002
東京都渋谷区渋谷 3-3-5　NBF 渋谷イースト
株式会社メディアファクトリー
月刊コミックアライブ編集部
「聖剣の刀鍛冶・工房リーザ出張所イラスト」係

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